

SUMMARY – NE Division of Behavioral Health Application for
U.S. Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Grant
Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (CDFA #16.745)
CATEGORY II: PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

- Submitted on May 6, 2008 ... Award with Project Period: 11/01/2008 to 10/31/2011
- Grant maximum: \$250,000 (\$100,000 year one; \$100,000 year two; \$50,000 year three)
- NE Theme: collaborative partnerships to address interagency coordination & communication in order to implement system improvements for persons with MI in the Criminal Justice System.
- Target Population: Young adults 18 to 24 years of age.

Goal 1: Provide statewide Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for Law Enforcement officers and make clear linkages with local crisis response teams.

- Objectives:
- 1.1 Build on CIT training curriculum and adapt for rural areas and various professions (parole, probation, jail personnel, etc.)
 - 1.2 Pilot comprehensive CIT train the trainers training. Trainers will train 20 law enforcement officers in one community
 - 1.3 Study impact of pilot project
 - 1.4 Implement statewide CIT training for law enforcement
 - 1.5 Adapt CIT training curriculum for probation and parole
 - 1.6 Pilot CIT train the trainers training for probation and parole and expand statewide

Goal 2: Expand or improve access to crisis stabilization services with improved coordination with law enforcement officers.

- Objectives:
- 2.1 Refine model for crisis intervention for transition aged youth through consultation with national expert.
 - 2.2 Pilot model for crisis intervention coordination in one community based on local plan for 100 – 200 individuals
 - 2.3 Study impact of crisis intervention pilot
 - 2.4 Implement crisis intervention model statewide
 - 2.5 Implement strategies for sustaining crisis programs

Goal 3: Implement standardized mental health and substance abuse screening instruments in the jails that prompt referrals for services.


- Objectives:
- 3.1 Refine plan for standardized screening and assessment process
 - 3.2 Incorporate processes into Nebraska jail standards
 - 3.3 Develop and provide training and technical assistance for jail personnel
 - 3.4 Evaluate impact of change in standards

Goal 4: Increase resources to community mental health to provide diversion services through the use of Forensic Intensive Case Management.

- Objectives:
- 4.1 Adopt lessons learned from Nebraska's two urban jail diversion programs to develop a rural model
 - 4.2 Pilot rural jail diversion program for transition aged youth in one area of the state in coordination with crisis response teams
 - 4.3 Examine service definitions for community support/case management and examine financing approaches for sustainability
 - 4.4 Study impact of jail diversion pilot
 - 4.5 Implement coordinated jail diversion programs in other areas
 - 4.6 Implement strategies for sustaining jail diversion programs through 2009 – 2010 contracts

Goal 5: Enhance affordable supportive housing for justice involved youth transitioning to adulthood.

- Objectives:
- 5.1 Collaborate with Nebraska's Action Plan For Increasing Access to Mainstream Services for Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness to identify individuals in Department of Correctional Facilities with mental illness ready for release
 - 5.2 Develop protocols for developing housing plan and linking individuals with supported housing and supported employment including assessing for Medicaid eligibility
 - 5.3 Pilot protocols in Omaha area for 250 transitioning young adults
 - 5.4 Provide Rent-Wise Education for 150 consumers in Omaha area



Nebraska Justice Behavioral Health Initiative Strategic Plan

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